IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25 and 29 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

25. (Amended) A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer connected to the data communication apparatus by an interface, said method comprising:

a communication step of communicating protocol information and document information with a communication partner through a network;

a notification step of notifying the host computer of information regarding the communication partner based on the protocol information received in said communication step through the interface; and

a setting step of setting one of an on-line mode, to be operated based on a command from the host computer, and an off-line mode, to be operated even without a command from the host computer,

wherein said notification step notifies the host computer of the information in a case where the on-line mode is set in said setting step.

29. (Amended) A method of controlling a data processing apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data processing apparatus and a host computer, the data processing apparatus and the host computer being connected to each other through an interface,

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